

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph from page 4, line 28 to page 5, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 is a diagram showing a multi-lamp backlight system according to a first embodiment of the invention. It includes a driving circuit 41, a transformer 42 composed of a primary coil set 421, secondary coil sets 422 and 423, and a core 424, capacitor C1 and C2, and discharge lamps 431 and 432. The primary coil set 421 is wrapped around the ~~coil-core~~ 424 with a low AC voltage from the driving circuit 41 applied thereto. The secondary coil sets 422 and 423 are also wrapped around the core 424, on each of which a high AC voltage is induced by the low AC voltage on the primary coil set 421. The lamps 431 and 432 are supplied with power by the high AC voltage on the secondary coil sets 422 and 423 respectively. The discharge lamps 431 and 432 may be CCFLs. Each of the secondary coil sets 422 and 423 has two ends of, respectively, first and second polarities. The lamps 431 and 432 are coupled to the ends of the first polarity of the secondary coil sets 422 and 423 respectively. The numbers of coils of the secondary coil sets 422 and 423 are substantially the same.